TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

BUSINESS Discount rates were 4½ to 7 per cent for Pail and time loans. Clearances, \$5,178,538; Palances, \$571,377. New York exchange, like discount bid, for premium asked; Louisville, 10c discount bid, par asked; Chicago, 10discount bid, 10c premium asked; Cincin-

natt, the discount bid, par asked; New Or-leans, the discount bid, par asked. The wheat market locally closed higher 130 wheat market locally closed higher at 725c nominal April, 775c asked May, 684c asked July, 735c No. 2 red; corn closed higher at 394c nominal April, 295c asked May, 405c asked July, 395c asked April, 265c May, 55c July, 265c No. 2.

At Chicago wheat closed higher at 65% c nominal April, 48c asked May, 69% 9 % July, 69% 9 % nominal Sept., corn closed higher at 40% c nominal April, 41% asked May.

42've July, 42've hid Sept ; oats closed at 24've nominal April, 25've May, 25've July. The local market for standard mess pork losed higher at \$13 for old and at \$13.25 to \$13.50 for new, prime steam fard closed higher at 6.50c; choice at 6.55c.

The local market for spot cotton closed

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN Letters of administration were applied for on the estate of Charles C. Maffit. It was valued at \$700,000, on which the inheri-tance tax will be \$55,000.

Former Governor Stone received assurances not only that Kansas City will rebuild its burned Convention Hall in time for the National Democratic Convention, but also that Milwaukee will make no ef-fort to take advantage of Kansas City's

Nine of the twelve men who constituted the Penruary Grand Jury called on Mayor Ziegenhein to reaffirm the charges and reemmendations relating to Supply Commis-sioner Meier and Police Judge Sidener, They talked plainly, but got no assurances that the Mayor would act. The Committee on Instruction of the

School Board decided that it would be ad-visable to admit children to the High School without examination when they present cer-tificates of proficiency from the principals of their schools.

There were no developments in the strike of the extrements and the painters. Neither side showed an inclination to yield. In a runaway on the Jefferson aven bridge, shree men were thrown from an express wagen and badly injured,

The Federal Court of Appeals reversed the verdict of Judge Rogers, ordering George P. Rosser to juit for contempt of court until he should pay \$2,500 to the trus-

tees of his bankrupt estate. Josiah Winehester, who was in St. Louis on his way South, recently found the lost vein of sich gold ore in a Colorado mine

on which he had taken an option. The spring meeting of the St. Louis As-Concregational Ministers will terday, be held at Pilgrim Congregational Church

A mining company, which is to devote its profits to the spread of Christianity among the masses in large cities, was organized yesterday by a Sedalia (Mo.) evangelist in St. Louis.

No local action is expected to follow the action of the Kirkwood election judges who threw out the votes of several "colonized" men at Tuesday's election

Joseph P. Whyte and E. C. Rowse issued a circular declaring themselves out of the race for the presidency of the Real Estate Exchange and advocating the re-election of

The Levee Sunday School has grown so rapidly that the workers in charge have decided to divide the school, putting negro children into one and white children into

GENERAL DOMESTIC. The body of an unknown man was taken from the Lamine River yesterday at Se-

dalia. State Treasurer Pitts yesterday filed his quarterly and monthly statements with Governor Stephens

The plant of the Utica, Mo., Herald was destroyed by fire yesterday. The Texas State Fair Grounds at Dallas rday sold under foreclosure pro-

Through orders from Washington, work once be started on the Yazoo

James A. Reed (Dem.) was elected Mayo f Kansas City by 2.127 majority. Governor Stephens vesterday announced the names of the commissioners from Mis-

uri to the Panamerican Exposition at The number of hogs marketed in the West the past week was only 370,000.

Suit was yesterday filed against the Waters-Pierce Oil Company under the anti-trust act at Russellvfile, Ark. Kansas City notifies the National Comittee that it will be ready to receive the

National Convention July 4. The loss by the fire that destroyed the Auditorium amounts to \$460,000, and includes the Second Presbyterian Church, parsonage, a pub school building and a row of flats.

The Reverend Doctor Newell Hillis refuses to withdraw his letter of resignation and main a member of the Chicago Presby-

California physician and wife, while temporarily insane, attempted suicide at New

A bolt of lightning during a Wyoming snowsterm seriously injured an East Chey-Mellina Kuchn, the missing Chicago girl, who was thought to have been murdered was found uninjured.

Fire destroyed the business portion of Ravena, Mich., last night. Loss, \$390,900. St. Louis Cannon Ball express on the Omaha and St. Louis Railtoad wrecked near Silver City, Ia. Two persons were injured. War Department officials will visit Chicksmanga Park with a view of establishing a permanent army rendezvous.

Mrs. Fred D. Grant sails from St. Peters burg for New York, the Princess Cantaca zene's health having materially improved. Bishop Fowler of the Methodist Episcopa Church reported seriously ill at Buffalo.

FOREIGN: A youth of 16 years made an attempt to

ssinate the Prince of Wales yesterday afternoon at Brussels. He fired two shots ilmost point blank, but both went wide, Roberts has withdrawn the divisions of Generals French and Colville to Bloemfon-

The Boers appear to be in force on three sides of Bloemfontein, and their maneuvers andicate that they are attempting to bottle up Roberts's large army in the Free State

A new force of burghers, 6,000 strong, has appeared to the north of Roberts's headquarters, and is advancing to the south. Lord Roberts's communications south o Bloemfontein are said to be threatened by Boers. General Gatacre, who has a small column, is depended upon to prevent this

force achieving its object. SPORT. The twentieth annual spring meeting at

Montgomery Park, Memphis, begins at The wh ners at Bennings: First Whip, Vouch, Gould, Diminutive and Charentus,

The winters at Oakland: Homage, Car dielight, Tutuhill, Prestome, Flamora and Donlin and Dulard walloped the ball in

yesterday's practice game Marine Intelligence.

New York, April 4.-Arrived: Hesperia, Naples.
Moville, April 4.—Arrived: Asteria, New York for Glasgow, Liverpool, April 4.—Arrived: Teutonic, New York. New York, Southampton, April 4.—Arrived: Steamer New York, New York, Safled: Lahn (from Bremen), New York, New York, April 4.—Arrived: Southwark,

At New York Hotels.

New York, April 4.—Hotel arrivals to-day include the following visitors from the West: the West:
St. Louis—M. K. Knight, H. M. French,
F. W. Scofield, A. Bevis, Mrs. F. E. Roth,
W. M. Hough, Mrs. R. L. Billingsley, S.
B. Bemis, Miss M. Wells, C. W. Spencer,
Walderf; G. W. Maxwell, J. Drukker, St.
Denis; P. J. O'Brien, Grand Union; T. G.
Ratcliffe, Cadillac; A. Sterne, Colomade;
W. C. Fabri, Vendome; F. W. Olin, Manlattan; A. S. Rauh, Hoffman.
Kansas City—W. R. Hampton, ManhatLJ. A. Mulholland, Imperial.

BRITISH WITHDRAW TO BLOEMFONTEIN

Boers Apparently Attempting to Bottle Up Roberts's Great Army.

THEY ARE STILL ADVANCING.

New Force of Six Thousand Burgh ers Marching From the North English Communication Threatened.

BY MILTON V. SNYDER. SPECIAL BY CABLE.

London, Thursday, April 5.-General Rob erts is concentrating his troops around Bloemfontein. Big naval guns have been mounted upon kopies commanding the appreaches to the Free State capital. These are the tidings which this morn-

ing's news bring, and there appears to be but one interpretation to be placed upon it, namely, that the Boers are advancing with the idea of making good President Kruger's statement that he would retake Bloemfontein before many weeks clapsed. With the exception of the Sevenih Division, which holds Karee Siding and the kepjes near there, and of the troops along the railway to the south, Roberts and all of his divisions are close to Bloemfontein. The Boers seem to have adopted the plan of assailing the British communications. A commando is reported to be operating it the neighborhood of Springfontein with this intention. But this is only an isolated movement. The real and significant Boot

General Gatacre, who has a comparatively small force, is looked to check the Boer operations at Springfontein, failing which, the Commander-in-Chief will find his communications gone.

plan is to bottle Roberts up in Bioemfon-

General Clements and his division who have been called up to join Roberts, was within a day's march of the capital yes-

A report that a new force of 6,000 Boers is approaching Bloemfontein from the north adds further weight to the supposition that the Boers intend to attack instead of waiting to be attacked.

BRITISH INACTION.

London April 4 General Colville and General French have given up the movement against the Boers east of Bloemfen-teln, and have rejoined the main army at Ricemfentein. It doubtless seemed to Lord Roberts a vain thing to send from 10,000 to 12,000 of his best troops into the wilderness, with a field transport, in the direction at a right angle with his chosen line of advance. The Boers probably have moved elsewhere and if to the southwest General Colville could as easily strike them from Bloemfontein as by following them up across the

These inferences still leave the situation bewildering for the time being. The enormously superior British forces appear inactive in every part of the war field.

The London military commentators and the public to some extent are irritated and confused by the situation.

GATACRE IS ACTIVE.

Springfentein, Orange Free State, Tuesday, April 3.-Owing to information that the Boers are moving in the neighborhood of the railroad running from this place to emfontein. General Gatacre is preparing to take vigorous measures to cope with any attempt to cut off Lord Roberts's line of communication at that point.

NEWS FROM MAPEKING. London, April 5.-A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Mafeking, dated March 25, by runner to Gaberones, says; "Last night we received the welcome news of the dispatch of a column by way of Vryburg to relieve us. The messenger reported that he had encountered no Boers

on the road. "Other runners from the north tell of the rapid approach of Colonel Plumer's column. The Boers continue the bombardment, but it is believed now that there are not more than 2000 armed, many having left

daily." LARGE BOER FORCES.

Bloemfontein, April 4.-There are numer us indications that, in pursuance of their soast that they will recapture Bloemfontein, the Boers are trying to surround the own and to cut our line of communications to the south, Large forces are reported east and south, which are supposed to be mak-ing for the railway. They still hold Thabe N'Chu and the waterworks.

Lord Roberts is completing his concen-tration. Four 4.7 guns and four naval welve-pounders have been mounted on kopjes commanding the plain. The cavalry camp has been removed to a better posi-tion northeast of the city. Special precautions are being taken to

rotect the rallway southward. Several arrests have been made in the own of persons suspected of giving infor mation to the Boers. The railway to the north is in possessio

of the British as far as Karee Siding.
OPPOSING TROOPS IN TOUCH. London, April 5.-The Bloemfontein corre spondent of the Times, telegraphing Thurs-

"The Boers are across the Modder In some force east of Bloemfontein, Our mounted infantry have been in touch with them all day at Bushman's Kop, twelve miles distant. The late mishap will not be wholly unfortunate if it clearly exposes the unwisdom of the policy of leniency, which is not adapted to the present situation."

PORTER'S BRILLIANT DEED. London, April 5.-The Daily Mail has the following from Bloemfontein, dated Tues-

lay, April 3: "Colonel Porter, with ninety Carbineers nd Scots Greys and two guns, performed brilliant deed Sunday. He charged large body of Boers and rescued ninety-odd British prisoners, including eleven officers, who were captured the previous day. There vere no casualties on the British side."

WEB DAVIS'S SUCCESSOR. Another Missourian May Be Ap pointed to the Office.

Washington, April 4.-Colonel Kerens, Representatives Joy, Bartholdt and Pearce and Chairman Mark Hanna called on the President to-day to discuss the selection of successor to Webster Davis as Assistant Secretary of the Interior. They were informed that a decision had not yet been reached, and that probably the place would not go to another Missourian, the Secretary

of the department being from that State It was agreed finally that if the place shall be given to another Missourian he will be selected by the State Central Committee, subject, of course, to the approval of Secretary Hitchcock.

THEATRICAL TRUST SPLITS.

Nixon & Zimmerman of Philadelphia May Be Dropped.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL New York, April 4.—Theatrical syndicate, which controls an enormous business throughout the United States and is composed of Messrs, Al Hayman, Charles Frohman and Klaw & Erlanger of New York and Nixon & Zimmerman of Philadelphia, is to be dissolved by limitation and immediately reorganized without Nixon & Zimmerman

Zimmerman.

The partnership has one season yet to run, and its terms will be lived up to until duced quite a sensation.



THE ELEPHANT: "YOU MAY RAM THIS DOWN MY THROAT. BUT IT'S GOING TO MAKE ME THE SICKEST ELEPHANT YOU EVER WITNESSED."

the time limit of the contract, but there-after the New York numbers of the firm and their Philadelphia partners will not be

after the New York tarmbers of the firm and their Philadelphia partners will not be associated.

For four years the syndicate has held to gether, and while certain pyculiar occurrences within the last year have set the tengue of gessip wagging and caused while pers in inner theatrical circles that all was not as serone between the Philadelphia and New York partners as was professed, nothing looking to a dissolution of partnership was hinted at.

The crisis came when Nixon & Zimmerman sought to purchase quietly Daly's Theater in New York for which the Frohmans were negotiating. Later still, after the death of Alvin Joshya, Nixon & Zimmerman iod for this property. The Frohmans wanted the Philadelphian to take it, at the same time amnouncing that the parinership would rease at the end of next season.

Therefore, it is said, the Philadelphians will engage in a spirited war with the Frohmans and Klaw & Erlanger. Al Haymon said to-night that the Frohmans would build a new theater in Philadelphians would persistent to the Nixon & Zimmerman enterprise, and it is likely that the fight will be waged along the line, and that it may affect the situation in St. Louis to some exbe waged along the line, and that it may affect the situation in St. Louis to some ex-

RARE DISPLAY OF FLOWERS.

It Heightened the Beauty of Werner Brothers' Opening.

elaborate gentlemen's furnishing goods St. Mary's Infirmary at No. 1538 Papin house in The Republic building, are having street last Monday, died yesterday morning display of their large and varied stock, they have decorated their store with costly flowers. And to heighten the beautiful ef-fect, a hidden orchestra plays almost con-

The Easter display of flowers is bewilder. ing to one coming in from the street. All the pillars are garlanded with smilax, with a circlet of pink roses and incandescent lights near the ceiling. Facing the door is a great bank of paims, showe which are masses of roses, carnations and Easter illies. About the showcases are festoons of smillax and the numerous mirrors are framed with flowers and trailing vines. The rained with nowers and training vines. The violin orchestra, which discourses sweet music, is hidden behind a wail of flowers and plants. The floral decorations exceed in beauty anything seen in that line.

The display of goods, however, is even finer. In every line it bears evidence of finer. In every line it bears evidence of the perfect taste, sensible judgment and unstituted means of the layers. The newest fashions in every article are shown, and those who wish to keep abreast of the styles are enabled to but the shirts, ties, hats, underwear, clothing and hostery that are first on the market in London and Paris. There are also goods to suit the in-dividual tastes of all. No buyer can fall to find in the great variety of styles and qual-lies those for which he has a preference. One thing that immediately strikes the One thing that immediately strikes observer at Werner Bros, place is the ab observer at werner Bros. place is the au-solute newness of the stock. Every article in the whole lot seems to be just from the maker. There are to old goods fromed up to pass off as new. Evidently the goods do not remain long in stock, but are sold out and

Another noticeable feature is the moder ate prices. Everything is listed at the low-est practicable figure, and those who know what things cost and what they usually sell for, express surprise that large an self for, express surprise that large sale varied lines of the newest fashions are sold so reasonably. Werner Bros., however, believe in large sales at modest profits. They think that the public is discriminat-ing enough to know when it is making a good investment. And the steady stream of buyers yesterday certainly strengthened the

SECRETARYSHIP GOES BEGGING.

Walter B. Stevens and Charles H Pepper Decline Appointment.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Washington, April 4.-Walter B, Steven well known in St. Louis and Missouri, and for many years past the Washington correspondent of the Globe-Democrat, has been offered the position of secretary of the Philippine Commission. The office is one of importance and would continue two years at least. The position was tendered by Judge W. R. Taft, the chairman of the ommission, with the warm approval of Secretary of War Root,
While fully appreciating the compliment,
Mr. Stevens has after consideration, de-

lined the appointment, preferring to conclined the appointment, preferring to con-tinue at journalistic work, which has been his life occupation. Mr. Stevens to-day re-ceived the cordial congratulations of his newspaper associates at the capital, by whom he is highly respected. As states, however, he prefers not to accept the office. The position also has been offered to Charles H. Pepper, also a newspaper man, who, as in the case of Mr. Stevens, de-

DEMOCRATS GAINED 1,000.

Gregory Governor of Rhode Island by a Reduced Vote.

Providence, R. I., April 5.—The Republicans carried the State in the annual eleclicans carried the State in the annual elec-tion to-day, William Gregory of North Kingstown being elected Governor over Na-than W. Littlefield of Pawtucket, his Demo-cratic opponent, by about \$,300 plurality. The Democrats succeeded in not only poll-ing a heavy vote, but in cutting down the Republican plurality of last year by over a thousand. The General Assembly will stand on

joint vote ninety-three Republicans and six-teen Democrats, a Democratic loss of three, and George Peabody Wetmore (Rep.) will probably be returned to the United States Senate.

WAR EXTENDED.

Suit Brought Against Waters-Pierce Oil Co. in Arkansas.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Russellville, Ark., April 4.—The Grand Jury, which is in session here, indicted the Waters-Pierce Oil Company to-day for alleged violation of the anti-trust act. The law and facts are very similar to the Texas case, which the United States Supreme Court recently confirmed. Prosecuting Attorney Russell intends to institute a vigorous prosecution. The indictment has produced guite a sensation.

OF JEREMIAH FRUIN.

Death of the Man Who Remarried His Second Wife Last Monday Leads to Complications.

ANOTHER

Declares That She Had Lived With Fruin Five Years-In His Will Johannah Fruin and His Chil-

Werner Bres., who recently opened their | married his former wife on his deathbed in their spring opening. In addition to the between 9 and 10 o'clock. Only the sister who nursed him was at his bedside when

On Monday, immediately after the marriage ceremony had been performed, the old man made a will leaving all his prop erty to his wife, Johanna, and his children This will was drawn up by a lawyer in th presence of the priest who had married the couple. The priest signed it as a witness Yesterday the will was filed for probate by the children. After this had been done a woman, who gave her name as Mrs. Jen

ers of administration on his estate, valued at about \$4,000. Later in the day Mrs. Johanna Fruin, the wife who was remarried to the old man on Monday, called at the court and said that she was the second wife of Fruin, and that she and the children were his only immediate family. When the sons were told about Mrs. Jennie Fruin they became indignant and said that their father had merely bearded with her. They declare she has no claim to the estate. It seems that Jeremiah Fruin's first wife

r her death Fruin married again, and sep arated from the second wife, Johanna Fruin, about seven years ago. Fruin was a farmer near Bloomington, BL, and when the couple separated, Mrs. Fruin remained in Bloomington, while he came to St. Louis In the will which was made, on the old man's deathbed, the children of Johanna Fruin are also mentioned, They are Richard, Frank, Jeremiah and William Frui and Elizabeth Donahoe, Richard Fruin is a solleeman, and Robert Fruin, his step brother, was formerly a fireman. The woman representing herself as Jennie Fruin, the wife, who said she lived with Fruin at No. 1837 South Twelfth street, could not be found at that address yesterday, The neighbors said that she would not see strangers They said that on Monday afternoon two of Fruin, with a policeman, came sons of their tenement apartments and gave Mrs. Fruin a note purporting to come from Jeremiah Fruin, asking her to deliver to his sons the keys of a safe deposit vault left in her safe-keeping. The vault contained his old will. his old will.

This Mrs. Fruin refused to do, and they left finally with the officer, declaring they would invoke the law to obtain what they

about 35 years old.

Robert Fruin was seen last night at his hime, No. 5402 Easton avenue, where the body of the dead man will remain until the burial, which is to take place to-morrow at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. He discredited the woman claiming to be Fruin's wife and said her name was Jennie Kossel. He dealered that she had never lived with wife and said her name was Jennie Kessel. He declared that she had never lived with his father as wife, asserting that the old man had merely boarded with her during the last few years.

In the will Jeremish R. Fruin is named as the administrator. A call was made on Jeremish Fruin of the Fruin-Bambrick Construction Company, at his home, No. 6300 Columbia avenue. He said that although he was a causin of the dead man, he knew nothing of his affairs, and if he had named him as administrator he knew nothing of it, and, furthermore, wanted nothing to do with it. He visited the Fruins on Easton avenue last night.

Frank Fruin, one of the sons, is a blacksmith at the quarry camp, No. 891 South Spring avenue, where he lives.

The Latest War News.

CLAIMS TO ESTATE

WOMAN APPEARS.

dren Are Devisees.

nie Fruin, called at the Probate Court and said that she had lived with Jeremiah Fruin at No. 1827 South Twelfth street until last Thursday, when the old man was taken to the infirmary. She applied for let-

dled in 1871. Her children-Robert, Ellen and Elizabeth Fruin-are still alive. Shortly aft-

destred. Since then she has not seen any strangers. To the knowledge of neighbors in the house, the woman has lived there as the common-law wife of Fruin for five years. They speak highly of her. She is about 35 years old.

The latest war news from the front is eager ly sought after by friends at home. To it brings happiness, as they read of valuant deeds accomplished, while to others the same nessage brings grief and sorrow when they note the death or capture of their loved ones by the enemy. There is also much sorrow and suffering throughout our own country by those who have been captured by that great enemy of mankind-Dyspepsia. For this however, there is a remedy that will surely set them free, and that is Hostetter's Stomach filters, which also cures indigestion, constipation, billousness, nervousness and insumnia, and as a preventive nervousness and insomnia, and as a preventive for malaria, fever and ague it is unequaled. It has a record of fifty years of cures to tack it up, and a trial will convince you that your case is not incurable, as you will and after taking a few doses your straight will be stronger and your appetite will return.

"I do not believe, Mr. Chairman, that the Republican party of Kentucky is responsible for the assassination of William Goebel. I would be willing to leave the State if I thought so. Some of the best friends I have on earth are Republicans. I am not so gangrened with political prejudice that I am bound to see something bad in a man

HOUSE HEARS HOT KENTUCKY DEBATE.

Representative Wheeler Eloquently Defends the Goebel Election Law.

MR. BOREING MAKES A THREAT.

May Ask for Federal Election Law -Exciting Passage Between Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Pugh on the Issue.

Washington, April 4 There was an excitng scene in the House to-day as the climax of a discussion of the Kentucky situation. when Mr. Wheeler, a Kentucky Democrat. and Mr. Pugh, a Kentucky Republican, faced each other from opposite sides of the main aisle and indulged in a wordy duel. Mr. Pugh charged Mr. Wheeler with misrepresenting certain facts. He was laborng under great excitement, Mr. Wheeler showed admirable temper and, though quick to resent the fancied insult, awaited the explanation of Mr. Pugh in which he disclaimed any intention of imputing to him personally a desire to distort the facts. Throughout the debate, which was precipitated by a speech of Mr. Boering, the other Republican member from Kentucky.

It was the first time the subject had been broached in the House. Mr. Lacey of lowa concluded the debate with a general denunciation of the Gochel lection law. This incident overshudowed he other speeches to-day on the Hawailan

there was an air of suppressed excitement

bill, many of which were irrelevant. Boreing's Speech.

Mr. Boreing of Kentucky, who launched the Kentucky debate, in opening his speech, said that holding the light of civilization before the world, as the United States were doing, were we, he asked, willing to see the torch of liberty extinguished at the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln and the home of Henry Clay? It was with no spirit of acrimony, he said, that he referred to the situation in Kentucky. So far as the Goobel election law of that State was concerned, he said, the people of Kentucky would be glad to exchange places with Puerto Rico or Hawail. They were no asking for Federal interference, they wer asking simuly for a fair election law. In conclusion, he gave notice to the courty that if it was necessary to get rid o Boreing's Speech. try that if it was necessary to get rid of the Goebel law he would ask for the pul-sage of a Federal election law. Wheeler Replics.

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The speech drew the tire of Mr. Wheele, of Kentucky, who replied in a fiery speech, if a admitted that the situation was hamiliating to every Kentuckian, but had hoped that it would not be ventilated here. Proceeding, he calegized the Goekel election law, which had been declared constitutional by the highest court of the State. To that decision, he said, it was the duty of every law-abiding citizen to how. He would not contend that the dominant party had not taken advantage of its power in districting the State. It had done so, following the tactics of the deminant party in most of the States. Why, he asked, had the gentleman from

that does not agree with me on any question. (Applause.) Some of Kentucky's most chivalrous and distinguished sons have been Republicans and they would put belind them with scorn, as would any kuightly Democrat in the State, the Instinuation that they had stained their hands in the blood of this magnificent product of civilization. I do not charge it to the Republican party. I say there are some Republicans who are responsible, and this same law that we have eleved and intend to obey in the future, like the poisonous shirt of Nessus, will stick to them until it consumes their very bones, or we prosecute them to their conviction." Why, he asked, had the gentleman from Kentucky threatened the Democrats of Kentucky with a Federal election law? Why threaten? Surely if a Federal election law? Why threaten? Surely if a Federal election law were to be enacted it would be fair. The only explanation of the threat that it was to be used to terrorize the Democrats.

Mr. Boreing disclaimed any intention of threatening the Democrats, but the law must be repealed.

"It will never be repealed," said Mr. Wheeler, turning to Mr. Boreing, "If you come back to Congress you will come back under it. It is there to stay, Some of its provisions are identical with the Constitution of Ohio."

Continuing, Mr. Wheeler said that all the

Continuing, Mr. Wheeler said that all the fuss was being kicked up in Kentucky by fellows who were trying to hold office in deflance of the courts, whose mandates they A Challenge.

He challenged Mr. Boreing and Mr. Pugh Kentucky to point out a single instance fraud or rascality under the Goebal Mr. Boreing cited the case of the city of conisville, the vote of which was thrown The city of Louisville was thrown out

y the Legislature, replied Mr. Wheeler, acting under the provision of the Constitu-ion, not the Goebel election law, "The Election Commissioners did not declare Taylor Governor of Kentucky," said Mr. Wheeler. "They said that on the face of the returns he had the majority, but that it bore such unmistakable evidence of fraud that if they had the right they would go behind it and kick him out, as the Leg-

islature did "
"Did they not issue the certificate to him;" asked Mr. Pugh,
"Certainly they oid; but they said it bere nomistakable evidence of fraud; that if they had the power to go behind the returns they would refuse him the certifi-I do know that some of them tried to pave the way for the contest," replied Mr. Pugh, hotly, "that was afterwards waged on partisan lines in the Legislature to the disgrace of our commonwealth and to the isgrace of you as a citizen thereof." (Ap-lause on Republican side.) "That is the gentleman's opinion," retorted Mr. Wheeler. "I would rather be discraced, Mr. Chairman, at any time, by takng my lot with the Democrats of Kentucky

than to be identified with the men who took the life of Governor Goebel of that State." (Applause on Democratic side.) Mr. Pugh's Question. "Are you quite certain that the men who took the life of Goelel could not be curried to your own ranks rather than to the Republican party in Kentucky?" asked Mr.

over own ranks rather than to the re-publican party in Kentucky?" asked Mr. Puzh, livid with excitement, amid derisive inughter on the Democratic side. "Nebody believes that," shouted some one on the Democratic side. "Do you say nobody believes that?" asked Mr. Pugh, facing the Democratic side, "Was not a more bitter contest waged against Mr. Goebel in that State by his own against Mr. Goebel in that State by his own party than was waged in the Republican ranks? Was not he denounced more from every stump in the State of Kentucky by Democrats than by Republicans?"

Mr. Wheeler: "That is time, Mr. Chairman," (Applause on the Républican side.) "It has been the fate of every great man who was true to the interests of the people to incur the hostility of hirelings and computationists. It matters not where he has prouptionists, it matters not where he corruptionists, it matters not where he has been. (Appliause on the Democratic side.) And the worst element of the Democratic party did assail him, but, thank God, he received 192,000 votes, -30,000 more votes than were ever given to a Democratic candidate for Governor in Kentucky before. That shows whether he was close to the That shows whether he was close to

people or not." Mr. Pugh: "How many votes did Gov-Mr. Pugh. "How many votes did Governor Taylor receive?"
Mr. Wheeler: "That is a question that nobody but the Republican leaders and God Almighty will ever know in my opinion. I decline to be interrupted further."
Mr. Pugh (continuing) "If you will state the facts. Yes, I do state that when you say that the Kentucky election law is identical with the Oblo election law, that you utterly misrepresent that law."
Mr. Wheeler: "I say it is similar in all respects and identical in many. Do I understand the gentleman to say my statement is false?"
Mr. Pugh: "If you mean that to be true, I say, speaking advisedly, I will use a

Mr. Pugh: "If you mean that to be true, I say, speaking advisedly, I will use a milder term and say that you greatly misrepresent the facts. I do not say that you intentionally do it, and I must attribute it to a lack of knowledge."

Mr. Wheeler: "I want the gentleman to be a little more careful in what he says about this matter. I do not care to have the gentleman insulting in his remarks. I hope it is not so intended."

Mr. Pugh: "Surely you do not take it in that way. It is not so intended."

Controversy Reviewed. Mr. Wheeler: "I did not think so."
Having accepted Mr. Pugh's disclaimer.
Mr. Wheeler then reviewed the history of
the whole controversy, step by step. The
question was now before the court of last

question was now before the court of last resort, he said.

"How they will decide, I cannot say," said he. "But if they decide that Mr. Tay-lor is Governor of Kentucky, no citizen of the State will support him more loyally than myself. We stand ready to abide by the decision of that tribunal, whether it be adverse or whether it be favorable.

"I do not believe, Mr. Chairman, that the Deciphican party of Kentucky is responsi-

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Missouri Supreme Court.

efferson City, Mo. April 4.—The April docket the Supreme Court contains 148 cases, 23 minel and 128 ctvil cases, besides 20 cases in no Division No. 1 had 62 ctvil cases and Division

banc Division No. 1 had SI civil cases and Division No. 2 63 civil cases and 21 riminal cases. The ducket for the divisions is set for from April 16 to April 17. The court in banc docket is set for the week beginning Tuesday, April 23. On this docket is the case of State vs. Thayer, which is to be argued on the question of the right of a defendant, convicted on presecution by information, to appeal to higher courts. Theyer was consistent of the department store law, which has since been declared unconstitutional, but the court finis that there is no law for appeal as Division No. 2 has already done in the slot machine case is before the court for action, in the event the court finis that there is no law for appeal as Division No. 2 has already done in the slot machine case of State vs. Brown, the defendant will be entitled to release from the ladgment on write of habeau corpus.

Twenty-Sixth Ward Democrats.

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evening and organized as the Twenty-sixth Ward Regular Democratic Club, with the following officers: President, Ben H. Helt; vice president, M. P. Quinlan, secretary, J. F. Mahoney; treasurer, Phil Ravaneaugh; sergeant-at-arms, M. J. Brogan; Executive Committee, Thomas P. Burke, Phil Dwyer, E. A. Hicks, James P. Eagan and John Casey. The club will hold its regular week-

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APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC. Suburban Employes Not Satisfied

With the Conference. Attorney Ben F. Clark, representing the Gricvance Committee of the employes of the Suburban road, called on President Turner and Superintendent Jenkins of the road vesterday morning at Mr. Turner's office in the Wainwright building, and tried to get them to agree to arbitrate their difcrences with their employes. This Mr. Turner refused to do, saying that the com-

If you visit the metropolis, the ad. of the Hotel Empire on page opposite editorial will pany could adjust its differences with their men without outside influence Attorney Clark then asked Mr. Turner to meet a committee of their employes, Mr. Turner and Mr. Jenkins consented to meet the committee at 4 o'clock at their offices

at DeHodiamont. Mr. Jenkins, it is said, tried to convince the committee that the grievances were not well founded, and he also explained fully the answers he gave to them when the men stated their grievances a few days The committee was not satisfied when it left, and the result of its conference with the heads of the rallroad company wamade known to the men at the meeting held last night at Muth's Hall, on Chouteau ave-

nue and Sarah street.

The men were not satisfied with the rechine case of State vs. Brown, the defendant will be entitled to release from the ladgment on writ of habeau corpus.

The suits of the Attorney General against the Continental Tobacco Company is set for hearing in bane at this time, but as the pleadings have not yet been made up, it cannot be heard. The last pleading filed was a demarrer to the reply of the Attorney General, and the court has not ret acted on it. The reply was a general denial of the return of the respondent, and it was cut of the regular order of pleadings for the deniaries to have been filed for the remon that a general denial of the results order of pleadings for the deniaries. The case of State vs. Godfard has not yet reached the Supreme Court, for the reason that the attorneys have not been able to agree on the bill of exceptions. The following are the cases on the hand docker State ex rel. Indiana vs. Reed. Adalar vs. Metter, Hamman vs. Central Coal and Coke Company, Crone vs. Stinder Hammiton vs. Guinotte; Judge Gates vs. Selbert; Publis vs. St. Louis City, Kansas City vs. Bacon, Graney vs. Iron Mountain Radiroad, State vs. Thaver; Heman vs. Shumate, Heman vs. Allen; Pullis vs. Pullis Iron Company; State ex rel. Attorney General vs. Brander, State ex rel. Attorney General vs. Brander, State ex rel. Kansas City vs. Renicke; State ex rel. Attorney General vs. Brander, State ex rel. Kansas City vs. Renicker, State ex rel. Askew Saddler; Company vs. Padler Express Company; Attorney General vs. Wells-Ferge & Con-Fermans. sult of the meeting in the afternoon. They say that they will strike if their demands are not granted. The secretary of the nion issued the following statement:
"We feel that we have exhausted every means in our power to reach an honorable settlement of our differences. We believe our requests to be just and reasonable. Our main grievance is the persistent fight of the management of the railroad company against our organization. Notwithstanding Mr. Jenkins's statement that no man has that within the past two weeks some fif-

teen or twenty men have been discharged. Every one of these men are members of the union. No man not a member of the union has been discharged.

"In some cases there has been no reason given for the discharge of the men. In others the charges given were untrue, and in others the reasons given were trivial and absurd. Mr. Jenkins now says that if any man who thinks he has been discharged for belonging to the union, will come to the superintendent's office he will be given a fair and impartial hearing, but when asked if he would conduct his investigation in the resence of a committee representing the nion or one member of such a committee

union or one member of such a committee he said that he would not.

"In view of all the facts in the case the members of the union feel that unless these wrengs are righted they will be com-pelled in self-respect to cease operating the cars on the Saburban system, until an am-icable settlement has been made.

"We protest against this persistent fight against our organization, and the importa-tion of scale labor to supplant tried and ef-Casey. The club will hold its regular week-ly meeting on Wednesday evening at 8 6 clock. The hall was crowded to over-flowing and the utmost enthusiasm was manifested. One hundred persons suned the roll of membership and proposed as many others.

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